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SUBJ: U.S.-AFRICA SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

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1. THOUGH APPRECIATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION OFFERED BY SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP, WE HAVE ELECTED NOT TO NOMINATE IV CANDIDATE FOR PROGRAM WITH SISTER CITY FOCUS IN FY 75.

2. EMBASSY CAN AND INDEED HAS IN PAST SUGGESTED TO GABONESE TYPES OF NOMINEES, BUT FINAL CHOICE REMAINS IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT BONGO. HE IS NOT LIKELY TO RESPOND TO SISTER CITY PROGRAM AS MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT IS LOW ON HIS LIST OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES. PUSHING PRESIDENT REGARDING SISTER CITY CANDIDATE COULD MUDDY WATERS FOR SECURING IV GRANTEES IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS SUCH AS EDUCATION AND DEVELOPING PLANNING.

3. THOUGH GABONESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROGRAM, LOCAL OFFICIALS HERE, WHILE RESPONSIVE PERSONALLY AND IN A GENERAL WAY, HAVE BEEN UNWILLING DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICS OF SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE AS OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES TO TALK UP SISTER CITY PROGRAM WITH GABONESE OFFICIALS IN HOPE OF ELICITING MORE CONCRETE INTEREST, AND EVENTUALLY BACKING OF PRESIDENT BONGO.

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